

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 1A and 2. These sheets, which include FIGS. 1A and 2, replace the original sheets including FIGS. 1A and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The claims have been amended to overcome the claim objections. Furthermore, amendments to the specification and drawings have been made. No new matter has been added.

The pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0243866 (Sherburne, Jr.). It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is overcome, as enclosed herewith is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 in which Dominik J. Schmidt, the above-named inventor unequivocally declares invention of the portions of the Sherburne, Jr. application cited in the Office Action.

Thus it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, including new claims 21-24 are patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX